sanctioned since inception of RCF upto the 30th November, 1987 is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 140.]

Corruption charges against the staff of Punjab National Bank, Dehradun

3347. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inquiry against the staff of Dehradun branch of the Punjab National Bank is being conducted for their involvement in graft and corruption during the last six months;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the inquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Punjab National Bank has reported that no departmental enquiry is pending at present against any of the staff of its Dehradun Branch. The Bank has, however, reporeted that the CBI have registered a case against the then Manager of its Patel Nagar (Dehradun) Branch. The Investigation Report of the CBI in this case has not so far been received by the Bank. The Bank has further reported that in an other case against an officer of its Tilak Road (Dehradun) Branch, a charge sheet was served on him and minor penalty of recovery of pecuniary loss plus interest was imposed on him The Bank has also reported that it proposes to serve charge sheet on this officer in another case.

Exemption to GSI from provident fund contribution

3348. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India was exempted from provident fund contribution under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, in so far as casual and contingent workers are concerned;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of non-existence of any provident fund scheme for casual and contingent workers of GSI;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for which Government allowed Geological Survey of India to refrain from contributing to provident fund under the above Act; and

(d) whether Government will ensure payment of provident fund to the GSI contingent workers where no provident fund scheme is at present operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Separate machinery for recovery of Provident Fund dues

3349. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a separate machinery for the recovery of provident fund dues from the employers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to make a suitable provision in the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 for setting up a separate machinery for recovery of P. F dues. For this purpose, a suitable amending Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament soon.